

Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
October 5, 2018
Patrick Henry Building, East Reading Room
1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:00am 1.1 **CALL TO ORDER**
Helen Wilson, Vice-Chair
- 1.2 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Director, Department of General Services.
- 1.3 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion to Approve: Tom Papa
Second: Ian Vaughan
Approved: 5-0
- 1.4 **OTHER BUSINESS**
Teleconferencing
An update was provided to Board regarding FOIA regulations and procedures.
Discussion was held with no action. Board will review further.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:10am 2.1 **DCR – Kiptopeke State Park**
Demolition and removal of existing 1970's blighted house trailer. Public safety hazard and an eyesore. Requesting removal from park to nearest landfill.
- 2.2 **DCR – Pocahontas State Park Restroom Renovation**
The project includes the renovation of two (2) restroom buildings, Restroom East and Restroom South, at Pocahontas State Park. All plumbing fixtures and toilet partitions will be replaced at both buildings and new finishes applied to the interior. The exterior work is specific to each building.
- 2.3 **GMU – Construction/renovation – Robinson Hall, New Academic & Research Facility, Harris Theater**
This building will serve as the home for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, while also housing significant space for the Mason Innovation Exchange (MIX) and will provide 27 new University classrooms. Other significant features include public gathering/event spaces, High Bay workspaces, and a multistory Atrium space.

Phasing:

Phase 1: Enabling work in Robinson A and B, Harris theater (Robinson B needs to remain functional during construction and will require work to make it a standalone building)

Phase 2: Demolition of Robinson A and the construction of the main building project.

Phase 3: Small addition to Harris Theater (Restrooms and lobby), the demolition of Robinson B, and the construction of the courtyard/amphitheater space between Harris Theater and the New Building.

2.4 VSU – Randolph Farm Small Farm Outreach Program High Tunnel

The scope of services includes the design and implementation of a prefabricated high bay enclosure to be located on the Randolph Farm Research Area adjacent to the VSU Campus. This particular project was conceived to provide and demonstrate sustainable/"off the grid" options for small business farmers throughout the Commonwealth as well as neighboring states. In order to do so, three specific green strategies were proposed and are at the core of the project goals: solar energy, wind energy, and natural gas (propane). Each of these components can be seen on the included site plan and presentation file. The actual grow space is a 30' x 96' high tunnel that has tractor access on each end and long span of movable side panels are controlled by temperature and sunlight. Also important is the showcasing of various crops which is supported by drip irrigation which is designed to be incorporated by using rainwater harvesting into 2500lb cisterns at the end of each high tunnel gutter system.

2.5 Richard Bland College of W & M – Maze Hall Window and Door Replacement

The scope of services includes an equal replacement of the doors and windows in Maze Hall to reconcile building leaks around the exterior façade. The proposed new windows and doors will match the existing as closely as possible in color, finish, trim, simple profile and muntin pattern while still providing the newest in energy efficient technology. All the hardware sets will be reused where possible to be cost effective and insure the new items fit with original aesthetic. The new windows will be aluminum to assist in the long-term maintenance for the school/Facilities Management Team.

2.6 DGS – Governor Street Vehicle Access

Governor Street runs directly behind the Executive Mansion. This raises security concerns for the Mansion which has resulted in the street being closed to thru traffic by signage but does not prevent any malicious traffic from entering the street. This project is intended to place traffic barriers to prevent unauthorized traffic from entering the street directly behind the Mansion. The proposed plan blocks vehicle traffic with (3) crash rated gates – one north near Broad Street, one south at the intersection of Governor and East Grace Street, and one at the service road entry next to the Aluminum Building.

2.7 VSU – Trinkle Hall Mechanical Screen Enclosure

The project consists of providing new HVAC and heating units to Trinkle Hall in lieu of the dated existing system currently in place. As well, a screen enclosure will be constructed outside the building to secure the mechanical units that will be placed on the ground. The enclosure is proposed to be an eight-foot tall aluminum fence per the Virginia State University Design Guidelines Manual with a double leaf gate for access. Landscaping will be provided to aid in screening the units inside the fence. A design alternate is also included that proposes masonry piers, designed per the Virginia State Design Guidelines Manual, that have the aluminum fence infilling between them.

Motion to Approve: Tom Papa

Second: Calder Loth

Approved 5-0

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Martin Luther King Memorial Commission – Emancipation and Freedom Monument

The monument will feature 12 foot bronze statues representing newly freed slaves. One statue depicts a formerly enslaved African American man whose steel shackles have been broken. The second statue depicts an African American woman standing on a six-foot bronze pedestal, cradling an infant in her arms, and holding a page from the calendar, January 1, 1863, high above her head. The West and East base of the monument will feature the names, images, and brief biographical information about ten African American Virginians whose lives were dedicated to Emancipation and freedom. The ten names of the African American Virginians are the product of a two-year nomination process administered by the Commission including eleven public hearings held throughout the state. The West base will have the title "Virginians Who Fought Against Slavery" with the names, images, and biographical information for Gabriel, Nat Turner, Dred Scott, William Harvey Carney, and Mary Jane Richards Bowser. The East base will have the title "Virginians Who Fought For Equality" with the names, images, and biographical information for Reverend Wyatt Tee Walker, John Mercer Langston, Lucy Simms, John Mitchell, Jr., and Rosa Dixon Bowser. The South pedestal shall consist of written information providing historical context to the monument. The statues and pedestal will be fabricated from Everdure silicon bronze. The shackles and pedestal interior will be fabricated from welded steel. The site of the monument will be in an approximately 48-foot plaza situated at the entrance to the island from an existing pedestrian bridge. The statue of the formerly enslaved African American man will face due North and the statute of the African American woman will face due South. Historically this location was used as the site for another statue titled "The Mill." .

Motion for Final Approval: Tom Papa

Second: Helen Wilson

Approved: 5-0

3.2 CNU – Turf Field Stadium Expansion

The existing turf field does not adequately meet the needs of CNU. The field is to be rotated approximately 90 degrees from its current location, allowing better access control around the field. Approximately 1,000 bleacher seats with accessible seating shall be constructed on the east side of the field. A 300 SF press box shall be built on the west side of the field.

Board recommends in regards to bio retention a simple obvious palette to aide in maintenance. Recommend cast stone as budget allows. Recommend prioritizing the fan experience by re-orienting the field.

Motion for Final Approval with comments: Helen Wilson

Second: Ian Vaughan

Approved: 5-0

3.3 RU – Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity

This project will demolish both Porterfield East and West Halls, along with the adjacent McGuffey Hall, and will construct the new 4-story, approximately 215,000 square-foot Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity, located in the same general area near the northeast corner of the campus. Porterfield Hall was constructed in two phases, the first phase, Porterfield East, was built in 1968 and the second phase, Porterfield West, was built in 1971. The two phases combined are 80,908 square feet. McGuffey Hall is located directly adjacent to Porterfield Hall, and was built in 1952 and consists of 35,943 square feet.

A consistency of masonry and curtain wall treatment more cohesive with attention to window detail. Recommends the option of the opening of the courtyard.

Motion for preliminary schematic review with comments: Tom Papa

Second: Helen Wilson

Approved: 5-0

3.4 JMU – Hooke House Renovation

The scope of the project will encompass renovations to the existing three story brick farmhouse. Each floor is approximately 922 sq. ft. and average height of the building is 28 feet. Existing brick exterior has been recently repointed and roof replaced with sheet metal roofing. Modifications to the exterior will include the addition of front and back porches, providing accessibility with installation of a wheelchair lift, as well as addition of new windows and doors in existing opening. Interior modifications are limited to providing two ADA restrooms and a kitchenette, in addition to all new electrical and HVAC service. Building will receive new finishes throughout and will house University meeting spaces.

Board recommends approval with consultation with the Department of Historic Resources.

Motion for Final Approval: Helen Wilson

Second: Ian Vaughan

Approved: 5-0

3.5 VMI – Scott Shipp Hall Rehabilitation & Expansion

Existing building area (Original Building & Annex): approximately 68,000 SF

Building Expansion Area: approximately 28,000 SF

Total Building Area: approximately 96,000 SF

Existing Building Stories: 5 Stories

Building Expansion Stories: 5 Stories

The rehabilitated and expanded building will be used to better serve the current academic departments of the existing building, which include History, English, Econ/Business, Modern Languages, and International Studies.

Board commented considering lowering the front entry wall.

Motion for Final Approval with comments: Ian Vaughan

Second: Calder Loth

Approved: 5-0

3.6 W&M – Replace Oyster Hatchery – VIMS Gloucester Campus

The project site is bounded on the southeast by the York River, on the southwest by the Gloucester County Public Beach, on the northwest by Andrews Hall, and on the northeast by the VIMS campus common green space. The existing Facilities Management buildings will be demolished and the outdoor tank farm will be relocated to provide space for the new facility. The site is a combination of gentle rolling slope toward the York River and rather flat terrain near the shoreline. The site is partially within the 100-year flood plain and special design considerations will be included similar to facilities at the Eastern Shore Laboratory in Wachapreague. The new shellfish hatchery will be a single-story masonry and steel structure for research labs, work areas, offices and support spaces for a total SF of 19,273. A separate, accessory building will be provided to support field operations and support for the adjacent outdoor nursery for a total of 2,107 SF. The roof forms are proposed to be low-slope with roof overhangs.

Motion for Preliminary Schematic Plan Approval: Tom Papa

Second: Calder Loth

Preliminary Schematic Plan Approved: 5-0

3.7 DGS – Broad Street Parking Garage

The proposed building is a mixed used structure containing tenant spaces, storage and utility spaces, and approximately 500 parking spaces. The structure is located downtown Richmond on Broad Street, next to the Barbara Johns Building and across 9th Street from the proposed new General Assembly Building (GAB). The structure's primary purpose is to provide parking for state

employees. It will also directly service the GAB across 9th Street by providing storage, utility spaces, and a loading dock. Access to the GAB will be via below-grade tunnel under 9th Street. Parking is to service state employees and associated programs. There are currently no plans for public parking. Straight truck delivery and oversized vehicle parking is to be accommodated on the first level as required to support the special parking needs of the state and the loading dock. The loading dock is internal to the structure and will not be visible from the exterior. The structure will have a footprint of approximately 31,900 SF. This area remains consistent for the 6 above grade levels. The below grade level is approximately 17,000 SF (or about half of the upper building footprint). Exterior materials include cast stone panels, ornamental metal and metal panels. Color and texture of the cast stone is intended to be compatible with existing state buildings along Broad Street and the proposed new GAB. A base is planned to be of the same cast stone with darker coloring in keeping with other buildings along Broad Street.

Board recommends attention to the ground level at Broad and 9th Streets, incorporation of Murphy Hotel artifacts ,attention interior/exterior elevator lobby, compatibility with surrounding buildings, street scape details with attention to Pulse Station, sensitivity to views from surrounding churches and façade lighting.

Motion for Preliminary Design Approval with Comments: Tom Papa

Second: Ian Vaughan

Approved Preliminary Design 5-0

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Next AARB Meeting is Friday, November 2, 2018.**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

Approved


AARB Chairman

Approved


DGS Director